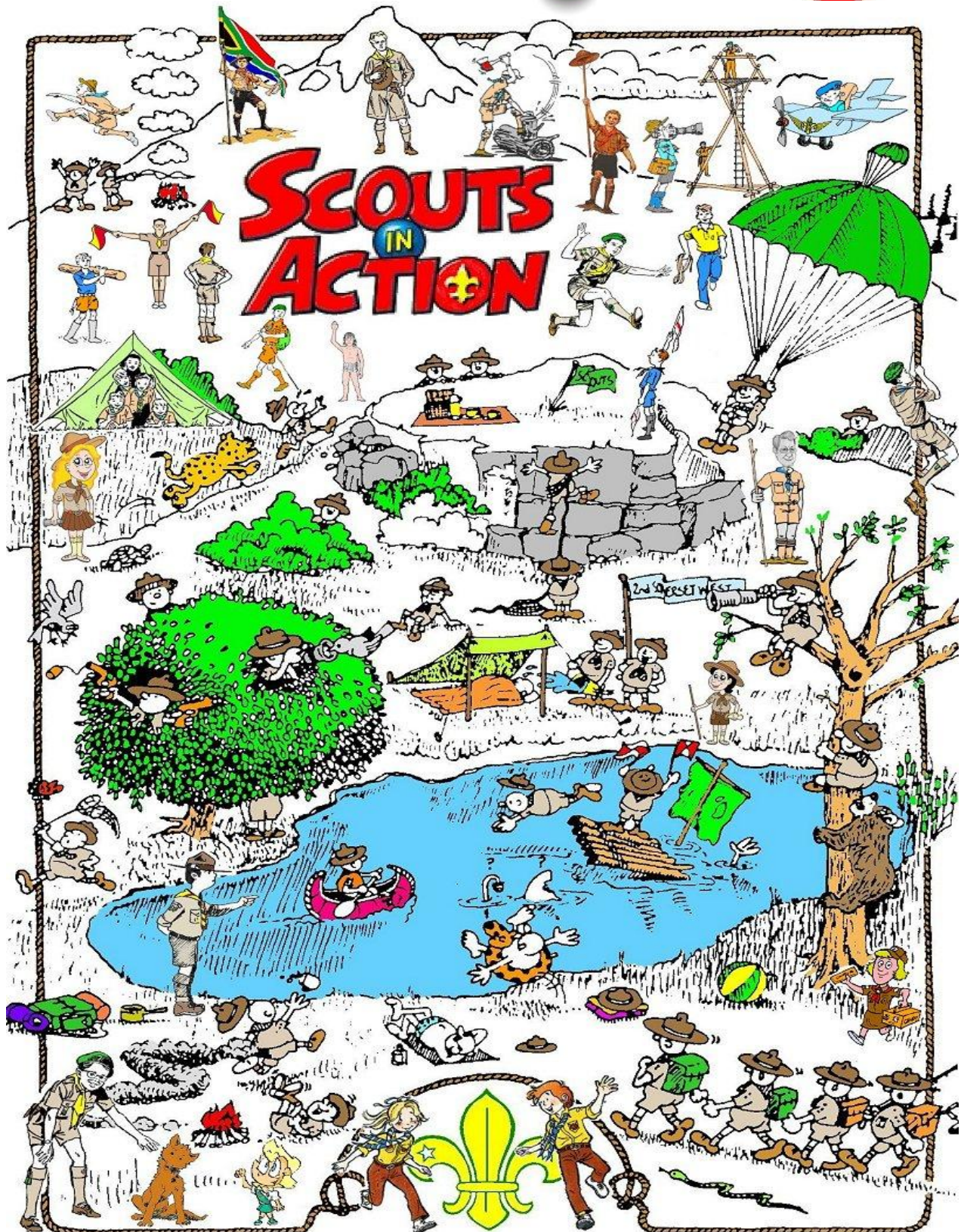


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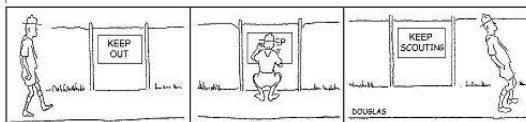
October saw Andre Bredenkamp on another awesome adventure with Kingsley Holgate, as they followed the **Trail of Joseph Thompson** across **Kenya**, from Mombasa to Lake Victoria. It was through Thompsons 1883 reports, that a railway line was later built along this route and Kenya becoming popular to the British. Andre did a quick trip up Mt. Kenya and also visited BP's grave. [Click here for the full Report.](#)

Friends of ours are ministering on **Ascension Island** and sent us these pics from their **Remembrance Parade** (refer to [SCaR Bulletin 11](#) back page), thought maybe you would want to place them in SCaR. The first two minute silence took place in London on 11 Nov 1919. (Remembrance Day as we now know it). The Manchester Guardian report stated: "The tram cars glided into stillness, the motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty cart horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also... Some one took off his hat, and with nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads... Here and there an old soldier could be seen slipping unconsciously into a posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman... wiped her eyes, the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still... the hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain... and the spirit of memory brooded over it all." It was on 11 Nov 1918 at 11am that the guns on the Western Front fell silent and the Armistice was signed to signal the end of WW1. After the Second World War, Remembrance Sunday was introduced. *Vanessa & Steve Yaxley (Agulhas)*



On Thurs 28 Nov, the official [Facebook page for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015](#) was launched. Check it out regularly for important news and updates related to the major youth events, organised by the World Organization of Scouting, and share it with your friends.

On Thurs 10th of October Brandon Rijs, Ubayd Bapoo, Martin Page and Ashley Clutten received the **Gold President's Award** from the President of South Africa, Mr Zuma and His Royal Highnesses Prince Edward the Earl and his wife Princess Sophie Countess of Wessex. An outstanding achievement. The event was held at the Table Bay Hotel in Cape Town.

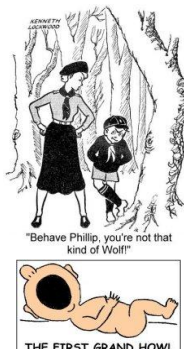


**Winnie Pentz**

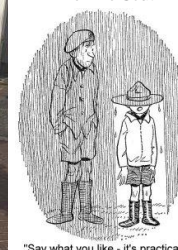
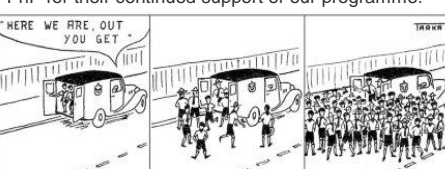
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Sat 30 Nov and Sun 1 Dec saw Cubs, Scouts and parents supporting another but now **'Paint the V&A purple'** with JML Rotary Scout. What a great day with all at the V&A. Carmellah Achmat 1<sup>st</sup> Bellville South



Thurs 28 Nov, representatives of **JML Rotary Scout** (including the 2014 Cape to Rio crew), attended the official opening of the new Pick 'n Pay in the V&A Waterfront. The crew received a very **generous donation from Pick 'n Pay** at the opening towards their Cape to Rio campaign (pictured here with Mark Jennings of Pic 'n Pay). Our sincerest thanks go to PnP for their continued support of our programme!







*Did you know?*

#### How to remove stubborn labels

Finger smear the label with **margarine**. Leave overnight or for about 12 hours. Peel up label side and pull off gently. Remove excess margarine with tissue. Finger cover mess left with **cooking oil**. Leave for about 20 minutes. Gently scrape mess aside with knife. Wipe all mess left away with tissue. Label is gone and article undamaged.



In response to the WC "Bring a smile to an Elderly person" **Christmas Challenge**; Sat 23 Nov saw Graham Bakker (*Akela*) lead 20 **1<sup>st</sup> Knysna Sea Cubs** from their Hall to the Vermont Old Age Home in Hornlee. Led by Allyson Kieswetter (*Raksha*), the Cubs sang Christmas Carols, accompanied by Raksha and Chris Gould (*Rama*) on guitar, Liam Nelson on recorder and Justien Kieswetter on ukulele. Alodie Gould-Wagenaar gave a greeting in English, and Jaco Olivier did the honours in Afrikaans. After singing, Cubs distributed special gift packages of soap (donated by Gina Oosthuizen) facecloths, notebooks, pens and biscuits (donated by Dr. Johan Olivier and wife Christelle), body cream and shower gel donated by Body Essence, and then crackers filled with chocolates and sweets that they had made up and decorated. Other Old Wolves that helped with the preparations, singing and gifts were Sanchia (*Ferao*) and Philip (*Bagheera*) O'Riordan, Lynette Vokes (*Panda*), Leigh Goss (*Shaw-Shaw*) and Patrol leaders Sheldon Vokes and Micaela Griffiths. [Click for the article](#) covering the event which featured in the local newspaper. *Chris Gould - Rama*



**Nelson Rolihlala Mandela 'Madiba'**

18 July 1918 - Fri 6 Dec 2013

"The Scout Movement is a world leader in educating youth. Scouting inspires patriotism, sound moral values, courage, character-building, self-reliance and community awareness. It also motivates our young people to achieve their full potential." - **Nelson Mandela**

A global icon, SA's anti-apartheid activist, former SA President, a Christian, Nobel prize laureate, holder of the Africa Elephant Award, Patron and great supporter of Scouts SA, has gone home. Scouts and all people around the world received the news with great sadness.

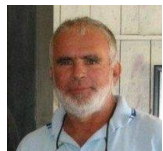
Madiba (as he was fondly known) was a man that not only inspired the world, a great SA nation and many generations, but who gave true meaning to the Scouting principles and ideals of "duty to God, duty to others and duty to self". He spread unconditional love and peace worldwide, just as BP's own message to Scouting was and still is today, to spread World Peace with one Promise.



Sat 7 Dec **Constantiaberg District** held another successful '**Seniors party**' at **2<sup>nd</sup> Plumstead Hall**. The party was started 31 years ago by Thelma Wynne and Rolene Coop, who felt the need for the CW9 Scouts to do a good turn to those no longer members of the Movement or who were to spend a bleak Christmas in an old age home. The Scouts dug into their pockets on a monthly basis, to contribute towards the party, as there was no LA funding. Many of those attending came from places as far as Arcadia in Observatory. When Thelma and Rolene stepped down, Irene Arnold took on the mantle of running the party. The District ran fund raisers, where the proceeds were split between the disadvantaged Children's Party and the Seniors Party. When Irene emigrated north, Norma Theron took over and ran it up until the year she passed away. Brenda Williams has run it since. The L.A. funded the party for the past few years, from donations received from organisations using the old 4th Wynberg Hall. 1st Wetton now moved into the hall and we will have to look at fund raising again. *Terry Coetzee*



We welcome our **new SA Chief Scout** since 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Mr **Sibusiso Vilane**. He is one of a few South Africans to climb each of the Seven Summits. He is currently also a motivational speaker and adventurer, passionate about youth development.



**Kuba Miszewski** has been appointed **Hawequas on 'Site Manager'**, since 10 December. Kuba comes with years of Scouting as well as other experience in many other fields outside Scouting.



At the start of the Dec holidays, 6<sup>th</sup> Rondebosch and 9<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Cape Town went to Gondwana Game Reserve (Mossel Bay) - the only Big Five Fynbos reserve in SA. They camped in a safe zone and focused on the **Survivor Scoutcraft Badge**. There they cut down Wattle trees - as part of their conservation effort, then used the trees to build shelters to sleep in for the Survivor Badge - and for pioneering projects. They also went on several drives for their nature observation and saw Giraffe, Eland, Springbok, Impala, Bontebok, Wildebeest and more. [Click here for camp photos](#). *John Fraser*



Wed 11 Dec - **International Mountain Day**, was celebrated with a sunset hike up Lions Head. The occasion was also used to **celebrate the Life of Nelson Mandela** and give thanks for his service as a Patron of Scouts SA. After a short **memorial service** and reflection on his life, values and time in Robben Island, the Scouts saluted Madiba farewell with Robben Island and the Cape Town Memorial concert in the background. The 'Paint the Lion Purple' initiative was started as a way to get visibility of Scouting back into our community, whilst having an outdoor experience in October, with a visit to the V&A in November and will be continued in 2014 at other venues. *Paddy Milner*

A **three day camp** was held 8-10 Nov at the Sea Scout Base in **Sandvlei**. 21 disadvantaged boys aged 11-19 went sailing, visited the beach, a naval base, took a train ride, camped, held a campfire. Some seniors were able to gain leadership and management experience. *Michael Cheney*







## What is Scouting? Scouting is...



- o **A Youth Movement** for youth and adults.
- o **Totally voluntary**, Scouts and leaders must themselves choose to and want to join and belong to Scouting.
- o **Not a club**, but a non-profit (NPO) making worldwide movement on the move, a way of life.
- o **Non-political** and non-governmental (NGO) representing no political party or organisation, Scouts are however encouraged to make a constructive contributions to their community, society and country.
- o **Open to all**, regardless of gender, race or creed from age 7 in accordance with the Scouting purpose, principles and methods conceived by its founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell, creating a neutral environment to promote equality across race, creed and culture.
- o **Fun with a purpose** through recreation, making extensive use of outdoors, Scouting achieves its purpose to help young people develop physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.
- o **Education for life** complementing the school and family by developing self knowledge, the need to explore, to discover, to want to know and to learn visual skills.
- o **An experience in leadership** offering young people a unique opportunity to be trained in leadership and practice the acquired leadership skills. This is done by focussing on group work (Patrols) and progressively allowing young people to take charge (to lead).
- o **Based on a system of values** using the Scout program which promotes leadership and based on a system of values such as honesty, obedience, cleanliness, trust, helpfulness, brotherhood, courtesy, loyalty, thrift and friendliness.
- o **International** and has never stopped growing since its founding in 1907. Today there are more than 30 million members in more than 266 countries and territories.
- o **A challenge for adults** to assist with the development of young people, improving the quality of our future society. While being of service, adult leaders get valuable training and experience, which is invaluable in their personal professional lives as well.

### A Method

- o **By making a personal commitment to a simple code of living** by taking the Scout Promise on joining and living up to the laws which go hand in hand as well as in everyday life.
- o **By learning by doing** with active participation and with others.
- o **By working in small groups** in Sixes / Patrols to develop leadership, group skills and total individual responsibility.
- o **By using stimulating programmes** and progressive activities based on the interest of young people. Activities in contact with nature, a rich learning environment where simplicity, creativity and discovery come together to provide adventure and challenge.

### A Code of Living

- o **With a spiritual dimension** emphasizing a commitment to seek the spiritual value of life beyond the material world.
- o **With a social dimension** by participating in the development of society, respecting the dignity of others and the integrity of the natural world. Promoting local, National and International peace, understanding and co-operation, but above all - peace.
- o **With a personal dimension** by developing a sense of personal responsibility and stimulating a desire for responsible self expression.

### A Vision

- o **To see all sectors of the South African youth** given the opportunity for self-development, who in turn benefit their communities in which they live.
- o **To see Scouting recognised** as a premier adventure, community orientated youth Movement accessible to all, effectively managed, providing leadership for the future and driven by the wants and needs of the youth of today.



**Scouting is simply a self development ADVENTURE with a purpose and education for life.**



## The Mission of Scouts SA is...



- o **To make available** voluntary membership regardless of gender, race or creed;
- o **To develop** a spiritual awareness among its members;
- o **To create for each member** an awareness of, and involvement in, service to others and the community;
- o **To use the opportunities** of the family of Scouting in accordance with its purpose, principles and method, in order to develop in its members unprejudiced attitudes and an understanding of, and respect for others;
- o **To promote a commitment** to a code of values which results in a self-discipline and the development of the members' full potential that will enable each one to take a meaningful place in society.

## Activities offered through Scouting



Preparations for the Scouting Adventure Programme, start at age 7, joining as a Cub or junior Scout, and progressing to Scouts at 11. At age 18, Scouting continues as a young adult in Rovers or assisting or leading, whereby the individual will then 'put back into Scouting' that which he / she has experienced. This could lead to a life-long continued adventure. Activities offered (in summarised format);

- o **Basic Survival Skills** – Camping, Hiking, Mapping, Cooking, Leadership, Pioneering or Rope work leading up to actual constructions and Veldcraft.
- o **Water Activities** – Sailing, Canoeing, Boat usage, Ship quartermaster and Voyager.
- o **Air Activities** – Gliding, Air Mechanics, Navigation, Planning, Spotting, Air traffic control, Model engineering and Space exploration.
- o **Public Service** – Civil defence, First aid, Fire fighting, Guide, Lifesaving, Public health, Public Safety and Aids Awareness.
- o **Sports** – Archery, Athletics, Boardsailing, Cycling, Scuba diving, Marksman, Fitness, Rock climbing, Surfing and Swimming.
- o **Hobbies** – Archaeology, Artist, Astronomer, Photography, Chess, Collecting, Crafts, Fishing, Geology, Horse riding, Leatherwork, Music, Pets, Stamps and Reading.
- o **Life Skills** – Carpentry, Computers, Designing, Draughting, Drawing, Electrician, Engineering, Farming, Speaking, Gardening, Handyman, Journalist, Mechanics, Metal work, Plumbing, Religion and Writing.
- o **Environment** – Forestry, Ornithology, Biology, Weather, Woodcraft and Conservation.



## Should you wish to join Scouting

**As a youth** you will be welcome to join Cubs at 7 years of age and Scouts from 11 to 18 years. There is a Cub, Scout Rover Group near you and waiting.

**As an Adult** either as a uniform member from 18 years as a facilitator to assist in achieving the aim of Scouting, or as a non-uniform member to assist the uniform side with admin, funding and other valuable support, or as a uniform Rover age 18 to 35 who renders service to all.

**Our Website** <http://www.scouting.org.za/westerncape/>

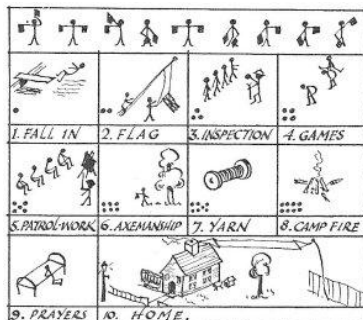
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